


**Submission
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MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES WATERS

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I have been surfing for 30 years with a high level of awareness & managed fear of sharks, but the current risk on the North Coast has become way too high.

THE SLSC has responded to 50 Great White encounters in the last 3 months! Byron Bay Boardriders Club didn't hold a comp for 3 months & we travelled to the Gold Coast to surf.

Killing sharks has proven to reduce the risk. Sharks don't like to live in waters where other sharks have died.

I recently attended the North Coast Shark Forum where the CSIRO said the people don't want sharks killed. When I ask the person standing next to me checking the surf everyday if they have an issue with killing a few of these dangerous sharks close to shore every one of them has said **they do not have an issue with it.**

I feel the focus is on funding the CSIRO's long - term shark research & doing less on actually protecting the people. Tagging sharks is great for their research, but I can't see how it is going to help protect people if the don't give us real time positions of the sharks & obviously you cant tag every shark.

Is killing a few sharks really going to endanger the whole species?

I don't feel the government is doing enough to protect people's lives.

And today I found out that shark surveillance has ended despite being promised we wouldn't be left unprotected and the panel making a strong point that surveillance had saved lives.

This further confirms my feeling that the CSIRO has taken most of the \$250k that was meant to be used for protecting people to fund their long term research.

Personally, I will stick it out here until the end of summer & if I'm not happy with the NSW government's action I will move my family to the Gold Coast.

Regards
Peter Cameron